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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 1084

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, ILO, TU  
SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977 SESSION OF ILO  
GOVERNING BODY (GB)

REF: STATE 028274

1. AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND SUBSTANCE OF BOTH MAJOR ISSUES THOROUGHLY REVIEWED IN TWO  
LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS, METIN SIRMAN FEBRUARY 10 AND 11. MINISTRY OF LABOR  
NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED AS ITS ROLE RE ILO IS CONFINED TO  
TECHNICAL AND PROGRAM MATTERS.

2. SIRMAN WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH BOTH MAJOR ISSUES AND WITH  
OTHER PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH ILO. HE NOTED  
THAT AS "PROCEDURAL AND JURIDICAL MATTERS" TURKEY IN GENERAL  
SUPPORTS THE U.S. POSITION. HOWEVER, AGAINST THE POLITICAL  
BACKGROUND IN WHICH THESE MATTERS WILL BE VIEWED BY A SUBSTANTIAL  
MAJORITY OF ILO MEMBER COUNTRIES, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR TUR-  
KEY "TO RAISE A FINGER" ON THE U.S. SIDE. IT IS EQUALLY DIFFICULT  
FOR TURKEY TO HOLD OFF THE PRESSURES IT MAY RECEIVE FROM ARAB COUN-  
TRIES AND SOME AFRICANS TO OPPOSE THE U.S. POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY,  
TURKEY MAINTAINS AN UNEASY NEUTRALITY. SIRMAN STRESSED THAT  
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ABOVE POSITION WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW, BUT ONE WHICH HE WAS SURE  
REFLECTS GENERAL VIEW OF TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL SEND TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO ITS  
TURKISH PERM REP IN GENEVA AND REQUEST HIM TO FOLLOW SITUATION  
CLOSELY AND REPORT BACK TO ANKARA WITH SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS HE  
WISHES TO MAKE. SIRMAN WAS EMPHATIC THAT TURKEY DOES NOT WANT TO

SEE U.S. LEAVE ILO. "THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT." HE SUGGESTED IT MAY BE USEFUL TO HOLD A WESTERN CAUCUS BEFORE GB MEETING IN EFFORT FIND MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH AND WIDER COMMON GROUND. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT HE BE KEPT INFORMED IF EMBASSY RECEIVES FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROGRESS OF EVENTS.

4. RAFET IBRAHIMOGLU, EMPLOYER DEPUTY MEMBER OF GB, IS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN ON BUSINESS, BUT LABATT HAS APPOINTMENT WITH HIM FEBRUARY 14 BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR GENEVA. RAFET-BEY IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF TURKISH CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS AND HAS BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITIONS IN ILO. REPORT ON CONVERSATION WILL FOLLOW LATER.  
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